

There Ain't No Father Christmas!

WYCOMBE GIFT-WRAP POINTS FOR AVENUE

QUOTE

CHRISTMAS QUOTE
FROM WANDERERS'
MANAGER
BARRY DARVILL
AFTER WEDNES-
DAY'S 6-2 HOME
THRASHING BY WAL-
THAMSTOW:

"FATHER CHRIST-
MAS? WE ARE THE
DADDY OF THEM
ALL."

Walthamstow Keep Wycombe Waiting Then Give Them A Good Hiding

By "CHILTERN"

Wycombe Wanderers 2, Walthamstow Ave 6

WYCOMBE WANDERERS and their fans waited 45 minutes for Walthamstow Avenue to turn up at Loakes Park on Wednesday night after the Avenue's coach had broken down twice. What a pity they turned up at all. For in less than half-an-hour Wanderers were 4-1 down.

Walthamstow changed on the coach when it broke down at Beaconsfield, ran straight on to the pitch when they arrived at Wycombe, and within six minutes had shot into a two-goal lead through Hopwood and Jackson.

Yet in these early stages Wycombe were trying—which is more than can be said for later in the game. In the 10th minute their best forward Les Merrick hammered in a goal to make it 2-1 after Horseman had headed against the crossbar.

It almost looked as if Wanderers were going to hold off the direct approach work of the big Avenue forwards.

But with Charlie Gale having a stinker at left-half, Walthamstow began to feed their right-winger Murphy who promptly laid on two goals in 30 seconds for Hopwood and Jackson in the 18th minute.

Six minutes later he almost repeated the action when he put Hopwood clear again, but this time he shot just wide.

The Wycombe defence was abysmal with only Roystone and Ian Rundle saving any face.

Up front there was little punch with only lanky Les Merrick showing any guts.

In the second-half Wycombe wrapped up the points in Christmas gift paper and gently handed them to Walthamstow.

Gale scored an own goal and Jackson got another before Avenue centre-half caught on to the Christmas present idea and generously headed past his own goalkeeper.